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THOMAS HAYWARD, a tailor, of Aylesford, County Kent, sailed March 14, 1634, or a little later, from England with his wife Susanna and five children in the ship "HERCULES" of Sandwich, John Witherly, Master. (Ref. A, Vol. 75, for year 1921, page 219; Ref. B, Vol. 1, page 16 - from Records of Sandwich, Kent; Ref. K, page 83; and Ref. L, page 224).

From source material which will be presented below and from data connected with the marriages of his children it can be stated positively that the above named colonist went to Duxbury and Bridgewater, Mass. and not to Ipswich, Mass. as has been stated in several erroneous or misleading published accounts in the past, from some of which we shall quote later herein.

It is not this compiler's idea to go into the ramifications of the Hayward or Howard families at Ipswich nor, in this article, to go further than the immediate family of the colonist, but only to present data in such a way as to prevent, if possible, the errors already made from being perpetuated to the discredit of genealogical research workers in general.

Some items have been found which may be helpful as to Ipswich and these we have included below.

THOMAS HAYWARD died in 1681, as his Will, which was dated June 29, 1678, was exhibited to the Court on June 7, 1681 by the witnesses after the decease of the testator who was stated to be "Thomas Hayward, Senior, of Bridgewater" (Ref. P). One of the witnesses was "Thomas Hayward, Jr.", who, however, was not a legatee. The spelling of "Hayward" in the Will, as above, is that shown by the signatures.

Twin. Sister of Peter Reg. Will

The children of Thomas and Susanna Hayward, in so far as is disclosed by the records, were:

THOMAS, JOHN, ELIZABETH, SUSAN and MARTHA, who were all born in England before the date of sailing,
(Ref. A, Vol. 75, p. 219; Ref. B, Vol. 1, p. 16),
NATHANIEL, JOSEPH AND ELISHA (Ref. P),
MARY (Ref. D, V. 20, p. 140).

DATA FROM SOURCE MATERIAL:

- Nov. 5, 1638 - Thomas Hoywood bought from George Slawson fencing on 10 acres of land on Duxborrow side and was granted title to the land by the Court (Ref. C, V.1, p. 101).
- Apr. 6, 1640 - Thomas Hayward was granted land on Norwest side of Northill in Duxborrow (Ref. C, V. 1, p. 144).
- Aug. 31, 1640 - Thomas Heywood was granted 50 acres on Namassacuset River (Ref. C, V. 1, p. 161).
- Aug. 1643 - Thomas Heyward, Sen. and Thomas Heyward, Jr. were among those at Duxbury able to bear arms (Ref. C, V. 8, p. 190).
- May 4, 1647 - Thomas Hayward, Freeman, sworn (Ref. C, V. 2, p. 114).
- June 7, 1648 - Thomas Heward, sworn as Constable for Duxbery (Ref. C, V. 2, p. 123).
- March 4, 1650/51 - Thomas Heward, Sen. on Jury at New Plymouth (Ref. C, V.7, p. 53).
- March 2, 1651/52 - On this date John Haward, Edward Hall and Susanna Haward of Duxburrow, were sued in Court at New Plymouth for slander by Steven Bryant and his wife, the damages being set at £500. The two men eventually paid £5 but Susanna paid nothing (Ref. C, V.7, p.57).
- June 6, 1654 - Thomas Haward, Sen. on Grand Jury at Plymouth (Ref. C, V.3, p.49).
- About 1658 - Thomas Haward, Sen. and Thomas Haward, Jr. shown as Freeman at Bridgewater (Ref. C, V.8, p.202).
- March 14, 1658/59 - Among those who viewed the body of a man found in the river of Tetacutt a little below Namaskett were:
Nathaniell Haward, Thomas Haward, Junior, John Howard, Senior.
- June 13, 1660 - Thomas Haward, Sen. participated in a grant of land between Tetacutt and Taunton (Ref. C, V.3, p. 193).
- June 7, 1665 - Thomas Haward, Sen. was granted land betwixt lands of Taunton and Teticutt (Ref. C, V. 4, p. 96).

- July 3, 1665 - Thomas Hayward, of Bridgewater, planter "sometimes an inhabitant of Duxburrough" states he sold to George Russell, of Marshfield, "now deceased," land, meadow and upland lying at "Matakesit" which was given me by the Court at Plymouth". Transcribed July 24, 1665 by Town Clerk (of Duxbury) (Ref. H, p. 12).
- June 5, 1667 - Thomas Haward, Sen. and Leiftenant Thomas Haward were on Jury to lay out ways requisite in the township of Bridgewater (Ref. C, V. 4, p. 155).
- July 2, 1667 - Court granted 60 acres of land betwixt line of the Colonies and bounds of Bridgewater to Sarah wife of Thomas Hayward, Jr. (Ref. C, V. 4, p. 159).
- July 7, 1668 - Thomas Hawards, Sen. was granted 60 acres of land at South Brooke (Ref. C, V. 4, p. 189).
- July 7, 1668 - Thomas Haward, Sen. and Thomas Haward, Jun. were on committee to lay out roads suitable for inhabitants of Bridgewater and report (Ref. C, V. 4, p. 193).
- May 29, 1670 - Thomas Haward, Sen. and Lt. Thomas Haward were among those on record as freemen at Bridgewater (Ref. C, V. 5, p. 278).

It should be noted that not once in the above source material data has the spelling of the last name started with an "How", *EXCEPT AS TO JOHN HOWARD WHO WAS NOT A "HAYWARD"*.

DATA RELATIVE TO THE CHILDREN

THOMAS HAYWARD, JR. is shown as "Lieutenant" twice above (Ref. C, V.4, p.155, and V. 5, p. 178), and twice as "Captain" Oct. 2, 1689 (Ref. C, V.6, p.218) and June 3, 1690 (Ref. C, V. 6, p. 242), in each case at Bridgewater. He was married to Sarah Ames who was granted 60 acres of land, as above stated, on July 2, 1667. He died Aug. 15, 1698, leaving wife Sarah but no children (Ref. F, V.2,p.394).

JOHN HAYWARD married Sarah, daughter of Experience Mitchell of Bridgewater (Ref. D, V. 32, p. 97, which shows the Will of latter, dated Dec. 5, 1684, and proved Sept. 14, 1689; Ref. E, V.1, p. 510; Ref. F, V.2, p.392 and V.3, p.219). There are twelve of their children shown in the Bridgewater vital records (Ref. D, V.2, p.92).

ELIZABETH HAYWARD was married Oct. 20, 1645 to John Ames of Duxbury, who later went to Bridgewater. They had no children, but he had a large estate which he gave by deed to his nephew John. Mr. Mitchell, in his history thinks she was sister of Thomas Hayward; whether he meant "Senior" or "Junior" he does not say, but it is practically certain she was a daughter of Thomas Hayward, Senior (Ref. F, V. 1, p. 49; Ref. G, p. 99). Neither Mr. Savage nor Mr. Mitchell included Elizabeth with the children of Thomas Hayward (Ref. F, V. 2, p.394 and Ref. G, p. 176) but both showed her under the caption of "John Ames".

SUSAN HAYWARD does not seem to be of record since 1634. She is not mentioned in her father's Will.

MARTHA HAYWARD married John Howard of Duxbury and later of Bridgewater (Ref. F, V. 2, pages 394 and 471, and Ref. N, V. 4, p. 752). Ref. F, V. 2, page 471, shows names of seven of their children, also year of John's death, i.e., about 1700. (As to Ref. N, V. 4, p. 752, Martha was daughter of Thomas Hayward, Senior, who died in 1681; she was sister to Capt. Thos. Hayward, who had no children; neither Thomas died in 1691).

NATHANIEL HAYWARD married Hannah Willis, daughter of Deacon Willis (Ref. G, p. 177 and Ref. F, V. 2, p. 293). Savage, in the latter reference, shows five sons and one daughter, and Ref. G, p. 177 shows another son, Benjamin; both references infer there may have been other daughters.

JOSEPH HAYWARD married three times, first to Alice Brett who was the mother of Joseph born Dec. 15, 1673 (Ref. F, V. 2, p. 393; Ref. O, Vol. 1, p. 149; and Ref. D, V. 5, p. 248). He married thirdly to Hannah Mitchell, daughter of Experience Mitchell of Bridgewater (Ref. D, V. 32, p. 97; Ref. E, V. 1, p. 509; Ref. F, V. 3, p. 219). Ref. D, V. 5, p. 248 shows eight of their children.

ELISHA HAYWARD never married. He lived at East Bridgewater (at Joppa) and his brother-in-law Edward Mitchell lived with him and had most of his estate. Elisha's Will was made in 1703. In it he mentions his nephews Thomas, son of Joseph, Thomas, son of John, and Thomas son of Nathaniel. (Ref. F, V. 2, p. 394; Ref. G, p. 177).

MARY HAYWARD married Edward Mitchell as his first wife. Savage (Ref. F, V. 3, p. 219) says Mary had no children in 40 years of married life. (See also Ref. F, V. 2, p. 394, and Ref. D, V. 20, p. 140). The latter shows the Will of Edward Mitchell, of Bridgewater, and comments by the editor of Ref. D. The Will is dated Feb. 4, 1716/17 and proved April 25, 1717; Mary was not mentioned in the Will.

Regarding the spelling and pronunciation of the last names of the two Johns, respectively son and son-in-law of Thomas Hayward, Senior, Savage says (Ref. F, V. 2, p. 392) that the son's name was sounded "Howard" though the spelling was unchanged and that he was called "John of the Plain" to distinguish him from John the son-in-law whose name was always spelled and pronounced "Howard" (see Ref. F, V. 2, p. 471).

REMARKS CONCERNING THE WILL OF THOMAS HAYWARD, SENIOR,
DATED JUNE 29, 1678, PRODUCED TO COURT JUNE 7, 1681.

Those mentioned therein are son "Nathaniell" who had already been given some of the land described, sons Joseph and Elisha, and grandchild Joseph who received land. Son Joseph was made executor.

One only can surmise why the other members of the family were not mentioned, viz: His wife had passed away and possibly Susan had died young. Thomas, John, Elizabeth, Martha and Mary may have had plenty or had received something from their father already; and moreover Thomas, Elizabeth and Mary had no children.

Grandchild Joseph was only child of Alice Brett, first wife of son Joseph.

OTHER REMARKS.

The erroneous and/or misleading items which are still being quoted are the three which follow, A, B and C:

(A) Mr. Winsor, in his "History of Duxbury" (1849), on page 266, says Thomas Hayward married Martha, and had a large family; that he died in 1681; and that his descendants could be found in Mitchell's History of Bridgewater. The misleading part is the implication that Martha was the mother of his large family. From the suit for slander above mentioned (Ref. C, V. 7, p. 57) we see that Susanna, wife of Thomas, was still living on March 2, 1651/2 and therefore it is probable that she was the mother of all of his children. Furthermore her presence at Duxbury is good proof that Thomas and Susanna never went to Ipswich. We have seen no record of any wife "Martha" nor of the death of "Susanna" and therefore cannot dispute a second wife. However it is really not of much importance except in this discussion as will be seen under "B".

It has not been found in the "Duxbury Records" (Ref. H) that Thomas Hayward, Senior, sold his land in Duxbury to William Pabodie in 1669, as stated in the "History of Duxbury", by Winsor, page 266; but "Duxbury Records" do show that on March 30, 1669, Thomas Hayward, Sen. and his son Thomas Hayward, Jun. were witnesses to a deed of land to William Pabodie by William Brett, grantor.

(B) "Howard Genealogy", by Jarvis Cutler Howard, A.M. (1884), says that Thomas and Susanna Howard came in the Hercules of Sandwich with their children, March 14, 1634. Mr. Howard was fully aware of the name "Hayward", but did not know the names of the five children brought from England, as that was not disclosed until 1921 (see above), and therefore he could not check with those shown by both Mr. Savage (Ref. F, V. 2, p. 394) and Mr. Mitchell (Ref. G, p. 176). Then when Mr. Winsor shows the wife of Thomas Hayward of Duxbury as "Martha" Mr. Howard, who finds no wife mentioned in the Will of Thomas who died in 1681, concludes that the Thomas Hayward (spelling was "Haeward" by Hotten, page 149) who came, he says, from Cambridge, shipping from Ipswich, England in the "ELIZABETH", William Andrews, Master, March 7, 1631, was the one who went to Duxbury and consequently Thomas with the wife Susanna must have gone to Ipswich.

Mr. Howard mentions the History of Sandwich, England, (correct title "Collections for an History of Sandwich in Kent) by William Boys. This reference shows wife, village and trade as in Ref. A and B first given above, but has the name spelled "Heyward"; it does not give the names of the five children. (There is an error in the date in Roman numerals on the title page of this History which states it was printed in 1892; but proof was produced to show it should be 1792).

Mr. Howard thinks Mr. Savage was mistaken in thinking the Thomas of 1631 went back to England and returned here in 1634 on the "HERCULES" with wife and children. From data above and from further data to follow presently, it may be admitted that Mr. Howard was right but his conclusions were just the reverse of what they should have been.

Mr. Howard says part of the family of Thomas and Susanna were John, William and Hannah Howard, which is not supported in the Records.

(C) "Essex County Historical and Genealogical Register" (1894), Vol. 1, page 113, quoting from "Old Homes Of Ipswich", says:
 "Thomas and Susanna Howard came from Aylesford in the HERCULES with five children. He settled in Ipswich".

Other items relating to Ipswich and Essex County follow:

The "History of Ipswich, Essex and Hamilton", by Joseph B. Felt (1834), on page 10, shows no one by the name of "Hayward"; nor of any variation thereof, nor of "Howard", as being an old settler of Ipswich.

"The Hammett Papers" Nos. 1 to 7 as printed in 1880, but compiled much earlier, and dealing with old families of Ipswich, does not show any family of Thomas Hayward or Howard, but mentions the death of "Old Thomas Hayward" in 1686, stating that he was a hatter and that Robert Lord, by an account in 1678, charged him for recording a marriage and four births; but whether this marriage and the births had to do with "Old Thomas Hayward" remains to be seen. Robert Lord was Town Clerk of Ipswich and Clerk of the Court. Judging from a letter from the present Town Clerk of Ipswich in June, 1943, the Old Town Records which Robert Lord kept, and from which dates and names might have been obtained, are not in existence today.

The "Essex County Historical and Genealogical Register" (1894) Vol. I, page 113, and the Vital Records of Ipswich, Vol. II, page 581, both show that "Old Thomas Hayward" died April 15, 1686, but neither have any supporting reference.

"Ipswich In the Massachusetts Bay Colony" by Thomas Franklin Waters (1905), a thick two-volume affair, has only one reference to Thomas Hayward in Vol. I, page 102, as being an inhabitant about 1677.

The probate records of Essex Co., Mass. (Ref. M) show the Hatter of Ipswich as a creditor in several estates, viz:

Samuel Cogswell - Aug. 26, 1675, "Goodman Howard" - 15 S (V.3, p. 15)

Caleb Kimball - 21:10:1675, "Goodman Hayward The Hatter at Ipswich" - 13 S. 6D. (V.3, p. 39)

Richard Kemball of Wenham - 27:4:1676, "Hayward The Hatter of Ipswich" - 8 S (V. 3, p. 73)

Samuel Brocklebank of Rowley - 26:7:1676, "Gd. Howard" - 1E 7 S (V. 3, p. 92)

Now let us turn to the Records of the Quarterly Courts of Essex County, Mass. (Ref. J.):

Among those who took oath of allegiance at Ipswich in 1678 we find - Thomas Haywerd (Vol. 7, p. 157)

Tho. Hayward, aged about 26 years swore to a deposition on 24:7:1679 (Vol. 7, p. 307)

Thomas Haywood, aged about 37 years made a deposition and swore to it 3:6:1680 (Vol. 7, p. 426)

Evidently there is a mistake on either page 307 or 426; just as a matter of opinion we think the record on page 307 is at fault. If that read "36 years" it would agree with the year of birth established by page 426, namely 1643, which would be about right if he was son of Thomas Haeward who came in 1631 and who may have married several years later.

Turning again to the Probate Records of Essex Co. (Ref. M) and the Will of Thomas Jones, of Gloucester, dated Aug. 7, 1671, proved Sept. 26, 1671, we see that among others, he mentions son Thomas Joanes and daughter Ruth Haward of Salem.
 (Vol. 7, p. 243)

The Will of Thomas Jones, Jr., of Gloucester, dated Nov. 13, 1672 and proved at Ipswich Mar. 25, 1673, mentions, among others, "Brother-in-Law Thomas Howard". Testator also calls him "Brother", leaves him land, a gun and one sheep, and makes him executor. (Vol. 7, p. 232).

This is confirmed by the records of three children in Vol. 2, page 152 of Historical Collections of Essex Institute, taken from First Book of Vital Records of the City of Salem, Mass.:

Thomas Howard and wife Ruth:
 Mary, B. 24th 2d Mo. 1672
 Nathan B. 17th 7th Mo. 1673
 Solomon, B. 5th Aug. 1675

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At the Meeting of Selectmen of Salem 5:5:1670 Thomas Howard was admitted an inhabitant (Ref. Q, Vol. 2, p. 13). It seems possible that he was the one whom Robert Lord, either as Town Clerk of Ipswich or Clerk of the Court, charged for recording the marriage and the births, said to be about 1678, as that certainly would have been a bit late for one who arrived in 1631. It seems also possible that Thomas Howard may have been a hatter and eventually removed to Ipswich.

From a recent letter dated in Ipswich we learn that a certain gravestone there of William Howard who died July 25, 1709, in his 75th year, is set in a granite slab on the back of which is this legend:

"In memory of Thomas Howard, emigrant, 1634 from Maidstone, England,
 Died in Ipswich April 15, 1686."

This cutting done in granite is thereby indicated to have been cut many years later than the stone of 1709 and can hardly have the same standing as an original inscription or a trustworthy record thereof. This stone record may have been made in good faith and perhaps had good proof behind it, but in view of what has been set down in the foregoing we feel we are still in the dark concerning that verification.

We think we have indicated that the Thomas who took the oath of allegiance in 1678 and who made the depositions in 1679 and 1680 was not "Old Thomas" who died in 1686, and if their relationship was that of father and son they, definitely, were not the ones of Duxbury and Bridgewater.

It can be said that the "HERCULES", March 1634 brought passengers from Maidstone, also in Kent, but none of them was Thomas Howard. Charles Edward Banks in his "Topographical Dictionary of English Emigrants 1620 to 1650" shows on page 75 Thomas Haywood as coming from Aylesford and going to Cambridge, quoting from Pope's "Pioneers of Massachusetts" which gives the name as "Hayward".

The Town Records of Cambridge (formerly Newtown) show on page 15 that Thomas Hayward was granted about two acres of land 4th of January 1635 (which may have been "old style" calendar).

Banks also shows a Thomas Howard on page 119 as coming from Norwich, England, and settling at Norwich, Conn., reference being made to Vol. 78, page 336 of Ref. A (year 1924); the latter states he was born Feb. 10, 1640, came here not later than 1660 and died in Conn. in 1676. A letter of inquiry sent to the West about this item has brought no reply.

REFERENCES

- A - New England Historic and Genealogical Register
- B - American Colonists In English Records - George Sherwood (1933)
- C - Plymouth Colony Records (1855-1861)
- D - Mayflower Descendant
- E - Mayflower Index (1932)
- F - Savage's Genealogical Dictionary (1860-1862)
- G - History Of Early Settlement of Bridgewater - Mitchell (1840)
- H - Duxbury Records (1893)
- J - Quarterly Courts of Essex County, Mass.
- K - Founders of New England - Drake (1860)
- L - Pioneers of Massachusetts - Pope (1900)
- M - Probate Records Of Essex County, Mass. to 1681. (1916-1917-1920)
- N - Compendium of American Genealogy
- O - Bridgewater, Mass. Vital Records
- P - Will of Thomas Hayward, of Bridgewater, Plymouth County Registry

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Further Verification of His Family

THE TOWNE FAMILY...By A. N. Towne (1880).

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- WILLIAM TOWNE, who was an inhabitant of Cambridge, Mass. in 1635, was Bapt. May 21, 1603;

He died April 30, 1685, aged 80 (see different date below).

His wife was Martha, who died Jan. 1674 (see different date below).
(She may have been either a sister of Thomas Hayward, a sister of his wife Susanna, or a sister-in-law of Susanna).

Their Children:

Peter, B. in England about beginning of 1633,

Mary, B. at Cambridge, Mass., 1637.

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- PETER TOWNE married (1) Joanna _____, (2) Elizabeth _____.

His Will, dated May 28, 1705, shows he lived at Cambridge.

The whole of his real estate was left to his "five first cousins living at Bridgewater - John Howard, Nathaniel Howard, Joseph Howard, Elisha Howard, and Mary Mitchell".

DATA FROM OTHER SOURCES AND COMMENTS

A correspondent states that in 1723 children of Martha and Susanna (sisters of above five mentioned in the Will) considered themselves as co-heirs and deeded what they believed were their rights which were allowed; further, one of the Deeds disclosed that some time in the past Susannah Richmond, whose maiden name was Susannah Howard, had married John Richmond, late of Taunton.

In Vol. III, Page 539, of Savage's Genealogical Dictionary are shown the children of John Richmond who was born in England, and who died October 7, 1715, aged 88. The children born June 1654 to November 1661 were Mary, John, Thomas and Susanna; there were other children born December, 1663 to February 1679; the widow is given as Abigail who died Aug. 1, 1727, aged 86 (therefore born 1641).

Elsewhere it is stated that John and Abigail Rogers were married 1662/3, hence it is quite apparent there must have been a first wife, probably Susanna Hayward, mother of the first four as named above.

This, then, accounts for Susan (see Page 2 of my original memorandum - L.D. M.) the one child of Thomas Hayward and his wife Susanna who was not previously identified.

Evidently the one who wrote Peter Towne's Will penned the name of "Hayward" as it was pronounced and the children of Susanna Hayward, the daughter, possibly followed suit in the Deed so as not to raise the question of the spelling.

Data relative to the Towne Family are shown in the New England Historic and Genealogical Register, Vol. 20, Page 371.

The Cambridge, Mass. Vital Records, Vol. 2, Page 767, show the following deaths:

William Town, Died Mar. 30, 1685, Aged 80 y.

Martha Town, " Jan. 30, 1673(*)

Peter Town, " Nov. 2, 1705, Aged 72 y. 10 m.

(* Possibly Old Style)

As to Thomas Howard and his wife Ruth (mentioned at top of Page 5 of my memorandum - L.D.M.), the Vital Records of Lynn, Mass. have this data:
Vol. 2, Page 192 - Thomas Hayward and Ruth Jones married 15:9m. 1667
(Nov. 15, 1667).

Vol. 1, Page 199 - Thomas, son of Thomas Hayward, born 17:11m. 1668
(Jan. 17, 1668/69).

This completes the marriage and the four births for which Thomas, the father, was charged by Robert Lord.



